This purpose of this comment is to express my dismay over the FCC's plan to implement the broadcast flag, and legally require US consumers to buy only hardware which will obey this flag. I think a much better solution would be a tax on recording media. This would allow the industry to still profit from copies, but would not restrict fair use as the current plan most certainly will.

I used to think that the government was the one powerful entity on the side of the consumer, but more and more it seems that the government has switched sides leaving us at the mercy of the corparate world.